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NSC demonstrations thus far. Text Kennedy statement and wire
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CIA yet. Likewise no public official reaction. Private official
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and Foreign Minister together, and Ecuadorean OAS delegation
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[REDACTED] Secretary General Administration Ycaza who close to President
styled U.S. actions inevitable. Visitador General Kingman
who leftist and Cefepista said U.S. actions serious but necessary
and provoked. Conservative party head Salazar elated and will
issue party statement supporting U.S.]

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feels no personal involvement. Almost equal number militantly
in favor U.S. actions. Small group opposed.

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